

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 722
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mt. Pleasant resident Charles Fowler on being named Pop Warner Regional Volunteer of the Year.

WHEREAS, named for legendary Coach Glenn Scobie (Pop) Warner a highly respected collegiate coach, the Pop Warner football program began in 1929 and now has more than 270,000 participants in approximately 135 local groups; and

WHEREAS, one of America's greatest assets, the Pop Warner program serves youth, ages 7 to 16, organized into approximately 4,000 teams, who play tackle and flag football, under safety-first rules; and

WHEREAS, popular Mt. Pleasant resident, Charles Fowler, was recently recognized as the Regional Volunteer of The Year at a banquet in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it has been appropriately said that Pop Warner football and Charles Fowler, whose illustrious Pop Warner career started 25 years ago when he was an assistant coach, "go together like apple pie and ice cream"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fowler was the organizer and has been the backbone of the Mt. Pleasant Pop Warner League, and his notable efforts to improve the program have benefited all involved; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the league's board for the first time 25 years ago, an assistant coach from 1973-1975 and a head coach since 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Fowler has also served with distinction on the MidSouth Regional Planning Commission, hosted by the Columbia Pop Warner program; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fowler plays an integral role in Pop Warner fundraising efforts, and is widely respected and admired by everyone affiliated with the program; and

WHEREAS, Charles' contributions have gone far beyond time, effort and leadership; he has provided equipment and transportation to the players for games and special outings, making sure they have money if they need it; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fowler stresses sportsmanship to his players and league officials, as evidenced by the fact that his teams are frequent winners of the league's sportsmanship award; and

WHEREAS, he also contributed his time and many talents to the Mt. Pleasant Athletic Boosters, having served with dedication as president of that noteworthy organization; and

WHEREAS, his efforts were specially recognized by the City of Mt. Pleasant which voted to name an athletic field in his honor; and

WHEREAS, he also served as an advisor to the fundraising Chairman of the Columbia Babe Ruth League for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, he generously volunteers his time as a member of the Maury County Chamber of Commerce and former member of the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Pop Warner League's Secretary, Ellen Decker, calls Mr. Fowler "a dedicated and selfless man who in spite of his humility deserves to be recognized for his more than 25 years of dedicated service to Pop Warner and the sport of football"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to recognize this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Charles Fowler and express to him our sincere appreciation on behalf of the countless individuals who have benefited from his noble efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.